

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU-PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Are not some of the processes kept as secrets by the Expert?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I believe so.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Is anybody being trained for replacing Mr. Helen ultimately?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Does any of the Travancoreans employed in the Factory know the nature of the chemicals that are being mixed with the rubber?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice. I do not know what the process of mixing is.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): How has the member been able to say that there were certain processes kept as secrets by the Expert?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The nature of the work is such that there must be some trade secrets.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In the light of such secrets, how do the Government hope that, when Mr. Helen goes away, one of the Travancoreans, now being trained by him, will be able to take his place.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is hoped that in course of time they will be able to get an idea of everything done there.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Even the secrets?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Have the Government considered the question of deputing a Travancorean for training in western countries, so that we may have a suitable hand to manage the institution when Mr. Helen goes away?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What do they propose to do if Mr. Helen refuses to continue here?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The question will be considered then.

PRESIDENT: The time allotted for Questions and Answers has expired. The remaining questions and answers, as also the unstarred questions, will, as usual, be included in today's proceedings.

The Kozhencherry Bridge.

184. * **MR. P. C. KURIYAN** (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received any representation regarding the necessity of erecting a bridge across the Pampa river at Kozhencherry; and

(b) if so, what action have the Government taken on such representation?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) Yes.

(b) An investigation has been conducted and a design for the bridge is under preparation by the Chief Engineer.

Water-supply at Alleppey.

185. * MR. K. M. KRISHNAV (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) how far the work in connection with the water-supply to the Municipal town of Alleppey is successful; and

(b) whether any expert opinion has been obtained as to the quality and extent of water that can be obtained from the place where the work is going on?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The investigation to find the source for water by deep well boring has been successful. The one deep bore well bored has been tested by the Water Works and Drainage Engineer and found to yield a minimum steady yield of 17,000 gallons per hour on a continuous pumping test of 120 hours with a depression of 25 feet. It is calculated that a yield of 30,000 gallons per hour with a depression of 40 feet will be available after the deep well turbine pumps are fitted up.

(b) No expert opinion is required in the matter, as the quantity of yield has been actually tested by the Water Works and Drainage Engineer by continuous pumping and found quite satisfactory; and as regards the quality, the water has been tested chemically by the Water Works Analyst and found to be quite good and bacteriologically by the Superintendent of the Government Public Health Laboratory with similar result.

The Gnekkad-Nadayara Trace.

186. * MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): With reference to the answer to question No. 46, given on the floor of the Assembly, at its meeting held on the 14th November 1935, regarding the conversion of the trace from Gnekkad to Nadayara in the Chirayinkil taluk into a cart road, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) when the preliminary investigation was made; and

(b) the amount of expenditure to be incurred in constructing the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) In 1934.

(b) Rs. 9,600.

Electric Supply in the Trivandrum Town.

187. * MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the additional amount demanded from the applicants who apply for house connection of electric supply for their houses which are situated on the side of roads but not electrified;

(b) whether the applicants have to defray the charges of poles wires, etc., on the road from the main line; and

(c) whether from the applicants only the charge from the road to their houses will be demanded in future?